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Robert J. Craig

In Memoriam

A princely heart has ceased to beat down here;
 A noble life has ended on this shore,
 But yonder in that bright, Elysian sphere,
 Where barks are tossed on stormy seas no
 more,
 The eyes that closed below behold on high,
 The ears made deaf by death to earthly din
 Hear angel choirs, where comes nor sin nor sigh,
 And crowns untaken yet men here may win.

Men loved him here,—a faithful pastor he,—
 But some there were—'tis sad—who loved
 him not;
 'Twas so with Christ when Christ was here to free
 Those bound by sin and thwart the serpent's
 plot;
 It ever has been so; 'twill ever be
 Till Christ shall come, our Lord, and seize
 the reins,
 His knowledge cover earth as waves the sea,
 His glory spread o'er mountains, hills and
 plains.

No better he than Christ, no better we;—
 What though the world misunderstand our
 aims?
 What though some earth-bound friends may fail

to see

The virtue of our motives or our claims?
 God's blessing rich rests not upon those men
 Whom all applaud and all the world adores;
 Men who have dared and done have ever been
 Maligned and made to suffer on earth's
 shores.

But he has gone, this noble man has gone,—
 Has gone into the glow that grows not dim,
 And where no weariness to "carry on"
 Will be required—I almost envy him!
 I oft must yet be weary, never he;
 I often sad, no sadness will be his;
 I burdens still must carry, while made free
 From all such burdens his glad glory is!

God bless our sister, his companion, who
 Is mourning now, a heavy loss sustained,
 But thankful he a loving Saviour knew,
 And when he died a victor's crown attained!
 God bless his congregation left behind,
 His sheep who of their shepherd are be-
 reft!—

God bless us all, and keep our hearts inclined
 To follow in the foot-prints he has left!
 —J. Narver Gortner.

Life Sketch of Brother Craig

Brother R. J. Craig was born in Canada in 1872. At the age of eighteen he came to San Francisco with his brother, Ernest. After graduating from the academy of the University of the Pacific in San Jose, he attended a Y.M.C.A. secretarial school in Massachusetts. After his marriage to Miss Tessie Crothers in San Jose, he returned with his wife to Massachusetts where he became a Y.M.C.A. secretary.

Later the young couple moved to Evanston, Illinois, where Brother Craig purposed to complete a ministerial course. While residing in Evanston, Mrs. Craig died. He then returned to California and became pastor of the Methodist Church in South San Francisco.

It was in 1912 that he opened a mission at 1735 O'Farrell Street in San Francisco in a hall that had been known as Corbett's Saloon. It was during this time that he met Mrs. Mary McCulloch and they were married and united their efforts for the work of the Lord.

A great revival came to the city under the ministry of Sister Woodworth-Etter and many found their way to God. As a result the work of the little mission flourished and the hearts of the people were stirred. Brother and Sister Craig felt it would be best to move the location of the mission to 1536 Ellis St., which they did, and it became known as the Glad Tidings Mission. It was here that Sister Craig started a Converts' Class, thus founding the Bible Institute. There were but two students in this first class.

Brother Craig's influence was felt throughout the District, and he became the first superintendent of the Northern California District, an office he filled for a number of years.

In 1926 the Glad Tidings Mission moved to its present spacious quarters and became known as Glad Tidings Temple. Through these twenty-nine years God's blessing has rested signally upon the ministry of Brother Craig. 1441-1451 Ellis Street stands as a monument to his faith in God.

MEMORIES

Two or three years ago Brother Craig wrote for the Institute catalog: "Christ taught His disciples to pray. Through the early morning prayer, as a preparation for the day, a consuming ambition possesses us that one thousand young people shall be trained for useful Christian service. . . ."

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It is significant that in March of this year Brother Craig wrote for the catalog the following: "With the present class, almost exactly one thousand students will have graduated. . . ." (1941-1942 catalog, page 4.)

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Brother Craig was pastor of Glad Tidings Temple and co-founder and principal of Glad Tidings Bible Institute; founder of this magazine, GLAD TIDINGS, July, 1926, and publisher and editor until December, 1938, when it was taken over by the District Council.

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"And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them" (Rev. 14:13).

FUNERAL SERVICE

Brother R. J. Craig passed away September 1, 1941, while in Minneapolis to attend the General Council convention. After an appropriate memorial service was held there, his body was returned to San Francisco and a funeral service was held in Glad Tidings Temple, Saturday afternoon, September 6.

Four special musical numbers opened the beautiful service in the Temple before a throng of 2,200 people with many others standing in the foyer and outside of the building. KSAN broadcasted the first hour of the service which was a fitting tribute to Brother Craig who was the founder of the station.

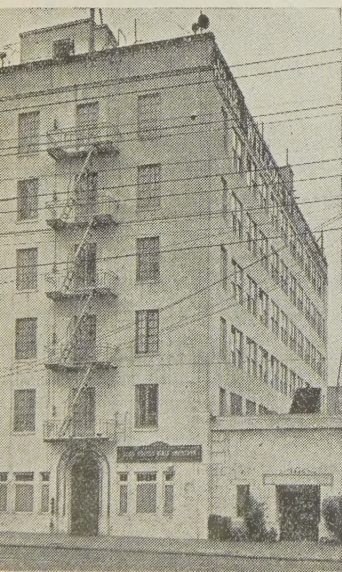
A profusion of gorgeous floral pieces banked the front of the platform and balcony and attested to the love and high esteem in which Brother Craig was held by a host of friends.

Fourteen District ministers acted as honorary pall bearers. Ample time was given to the service which lasted two and a half hours. Interment was held in San Jose, Monday at 11 o'clock, where a large group met for the final rites. Brothers Gortner, Keys, and Thurmond officiated at the graveside.

Those having part in the funeral service were: H. C. Warwick, assistant pastor at Glad Tidings Temple; P. E. Robertson, assistant pastor; W. T. Gaston of Sacramento; Leland R. Keys, District Superintendent; R. J. Thurmond and Max Freimark. Brother J. Narver Gortner brought the main message of the service. Rev. Lewis J. Julianel, pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Francisco, closed with prayer.

All were drawn nearer to the Lord through this service and were made to realize the great importance of being ready for the summons, "Come up higher."

—R.J.T.



Glad Tidings Temple and Bible Institute, monuments to the faith of R. J. Craig.

A Man Sent From God . . .

Sermon by J. Narver Gortner at the funeral service in Glad Tidings Temple, September 6

I shall speak to you from the first seven words of John 1:6,—“There was a man sent from God.” Of course it was John the Baptist concerning whom the inspired writer wrote, that John who was born to Zacharias and Elizabeth, and born in answer to prayer, *that* John who was to go before the Messiah “in the spirit and power of Elias.” But I am not purposing to speak this afternoon concerning John the Baptist, but concerning another man God has truly sent. “There was a man sent from God,—whose name was Robert,—Robert J. Craig.

I wish to speak, first, of seven characteristics of this man God sent, and then, in the second place, of seven reasons why God sent him.

1. *Seven Characteristics of This Man God Sent.* And, first, I will say that he was a man who believed in and accepted at face value the Bible as the Word of God. He was not at all in sympathy with the attitude which modernism has assumed toward the written Word. He believed that God has spoken, and that God’s spoken message to lost humanity has been recorded in this book that we call the Bible. He believed, not simply that the Bible *contains* the Word of God; he believed that the Bible *is* the Word of God, God’s written Word.

And, second, he was a man who believed in prayer and who prayed. Some of us believe in prayer, and pray little. Brother Craig prayed; he was a man of prayer. And he was always delighted when the evangelist employed to conduct services in the Temple spent much time in prayer. Again and again he has said to me concerning some evangelist engaged in meetings here, “This man prays! He believes in prayer, and he prays, and is getting results.” And he was always glad to have his people spend time in the prayer room, and pray there.

Third, he was a man who was distinctively Pentecostal. I think I have never known a man more distinctively Pentecostal than he was. He had been baptized in the Spirit and *he knew it*. He was never more delighted than when the power, the old-time power was falling. He always seemed to be a bit fearful lest we might be-

come too modern; he was a stickler for the old paths.

And then, fourth, he was a man who was intensely interested in the salvation of the lost. That was why he became so interested in the establishing and maintaining of Calvary Mission. Calvary Mission has never been a money-making institution. It was not established and maintained that it might bring shekels into the treasury of the Temple, but rather because this man of God, and his noble wife who has stood by him through all these strenuous years of labor in this city, had a vision of the great need of dying men and women, and a passion for the lost.

Fifth, he was a man who delighted in reality and hated sham. Oh, how he hated sham! Anything that savored of sham was to him an abomination. Reality in the spiritual realm was his delight. And every one of us ought to hate sham. Have you ever stopped to think that the words “sham” and “shame” come from the same root? Each of us should be ashamed of any manifestation of sham in his own life and should hate it in the lives of others.

Sixth, he was a good husband, and, as such, was devoted to his wife. I feel sure that she who sits before me today with bowed head and a breaking heart, smitten by this great grief, would be glad to testify that this is true.

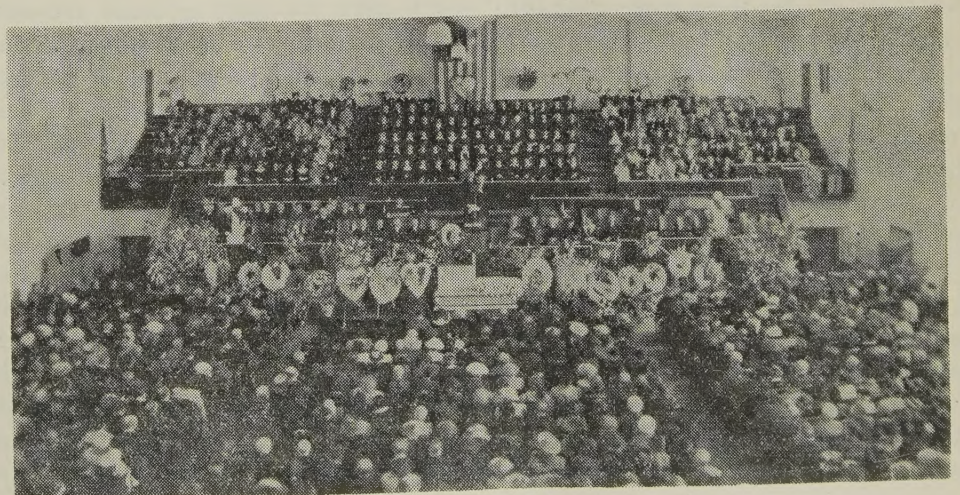
And seventh, he was a good shepherd, and, as such, was devoted to his flock. A better under-shepherd of the great Shepherd of the sheep I have never known. He

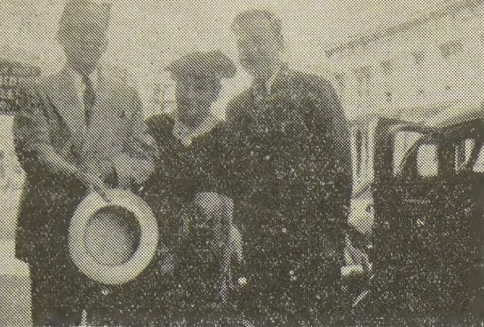
carried every one of the sheep and every one of the lambs upon his heart. He prayed for his people individually and often visited them when his body was weary and many another man would have been at home in an easy chair. His people have lost a shepherd who was a shepherd indeed.

2. *Seven of the Outstanding Reasons Why God Sent Him.* And, first, let me say that I believe God sent him for the purpose of founding a Pentecostal work in this city. That God wanted such a work founded there can be no doubt, and that Brother Craig was eminently fitted by God for its establishment there can be no question. Few men could have done what our brother did. God was able to see the end from the beginning, and He made choice of this man accordingly.

God sent him, in the second place, that he might be used by the Lord in getting believers baptized in the Spirit. Our brother knew, as God knows, that no mere man possesses the power to baptize another in the Spirit. The Lord Jesus is the Baptizer. Brother Craig had little patience with the teaching that man, however gifted, can impart, apart from the Lord, the Spirit to believers. He believed that the Lord must do the baptizing, but he also believed that God uses men, men who have consecrated their all to God and in whose hearts the Spirit of God is abiding. And that God in a signal manner thus used our brother in getting believers baptized in the Holy Ghost there can be no question. (*Continued on the next page*)

Below: Funeral service showing part of the large congregation present and view of the gorgeous flowers.





Right: Last picture of Brother Craig taken as he and Sister Craig together with Brother Balliet were leaving the Institute to start on their trip to the General Council at Minneapolis.

And, third, God sent him that he might be an instrument in the hands of the Lord in snatching sinners as brands from the burning. This work of God that is now known as Glad Tidings Temple was established with that thought in mind. This part of the city was chosen for that purpose. When somebody suggested to Brother Craig that this is a bad part of the city, one of the very worst sections, a section in which immorality is perhaps as much in evidence as anywhere, and that it might be better to have his Temple somewhere else, Brother Craig replied, "When you go fishing you go where the fish are, don't you?" This part of the city was one of the neediest parts, and it seemed fitting that this work be established here. And what a host of sinners have been saved at these altars, or saved at Calvary Mission, or elsewhere, through the efforts of workers converted here or trained here!

Fourth, God sent him that he might become, under God, and through the persistent urging and co-operation of his faithful wife, the founder of Glad Tidings Bible Institute. Sister Craig's name and picture have appeared in the catalogue again and again as that of the founder of the Institute, and she doubtless deserves much of the credit for the founding of it. It is likely that there would have been no Institute here had it not been for her. I have often heard her say that in her first class she had only two students, and one of them was drunk. What hath God wrought! But if without her there would have been no Institute established here I feel sure that without her husband there would have been none. The Lord in His goodness brought these two together, and laid upon them the burden and the responsibility of this great undertaking, and His wisdom and power have operated through them. The result is in evidence.

In the fifth place, it can be said that God sent our brother in order that he might become a father in a spiritual sense to a great host of workers to be sent forth as missionaries of the cross to the ends of the earth. And today these missionaries are

laboring in foreign lands. They will be hearing in the weeks to come of the home-going of this man of God, a father in Israel, and many tears will be shed. He was to them a father indeed. He received letters from them from time to time, and was always interested in their welfare, and with joy he heard of their progress heavenward and of their success as they ministered the Word.

Sixth, God sent our brother that he might wisely advise those in need of wisdom and comfort.

And, seventh, that he might prove by a life of unblemished character that it is possible for one to live in an evil environment and live above that environment, seated in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus. The environment here is indeed evil. I did not know it for a long time. I had been teaching here for a couple years, and was down in Los Angeles. Some one remarked that this institution is located in a pretty tough part of the city. I said, "Is it?" And in astonishment he replied, "IS IT?" I have since learned that he was right. Here in this evil environment this noble man of God lived, and so lived above his environment that his soul was kept unsoiled and his garments clean.

He has gone into a realm of perfect purity, into that glow that will never fade. I have read a legend of Shemuel who was one of the Judean shepherds in the days when Christ was born; but he was not with his fellow-shepherds on that momentous night when the angel appeared and said, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." He did not see the angel, and did not hear the announcement. He was detained at home by the sickness of a friend, and all through the night he watched by the fever bed, and ministered to his sick friend. His fellow-shepherds felt so sorry for him. He had missed so much. They had seen the angel, and heard the angel's voice; they had seen a great angelic host, and had heard the angelic choir sing, "Glory to

God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." They told him about it, and expressed their sorrow that he had missed so much. But

"Shemuel by the fever bed,

*Touched by beckoning hands that led,
Died, and saw the Uncreated;
All his fellows lived and waited."*

He was better off than they were. They had seen angels; he saw God whom no man living can see and live.

Into that same glory our precious brother has gone. He now looks into the face of that God he loved and served, while we are still lingering here, and waiting.

Which is the better, to die or to live? Paul said, "To me to live is Christ and to die is gain." And again he said, "Whether we live we live unto the Lord, and whether we die we die unto the Lord. Whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living."

Christ was Brother Craig's Lord while he lived; now that he has died Christ is still his Lord. The saints are divided into two great classes, the living and the dead, those who are here upon earth and those who have gone to be with Christ in the glory. I like these lines of the poet,

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THE DIARY OF A DELEGATE

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Monday, September 1

All our hearts were saddened by the news of our precious brother Robert J. Craig of San Francisco. He, together with Sister Craig, arrived in Minneapolis on Saturday night. He was seized with a severe heart attack and passed away today. Our hearts go out in deep sympathy for Sister Craig and also to all the saints in San Francisco, among whom Brother Craig has served so long and so faithfully.

Tuesday, September 2

Many already here for Council. The District Superintendents' Institute continued. Also a full session of Executive Presbytery. Not only were J. Narver Gortner, Flem Van Meter, and Aaron Wilson sitting in with the executives, but also Leland Keys, Superintendent of the Northern California and Nevada District; R. J. Thurmond, the Secretary of that District, and J. R. Evans, former Secretary of the General Council.

At 4:30 some 300 attended a memorial service held for our precious Brother Craig. J. R. Flower read the scriptures and Brother Gortner led in prayer. He wept as he prayed for the congregation in San Francisco, and referred to Brother Craig as a lover of the sheep and lambs.

Brother Leland Keys, who was closely associated with Brother and Sister Craig in the work at the temple and in the Bible School before being elected District Superintendent, paid a special tribute to the vision, courage and sacrificial labors of our brother and sister in building up not only the great soul-saving institute in San Francisco, but also the whole work of the District through the graduates of Glad Tidings Bible Institute. He told how 27 years ago God spoke to Brother Craig in San Jose, telling him to go back to San Francisco and He would give him a hundred thousand souls. Today a great temple seating 3,000, and a six-story Bible Institute, stand as a monument to the untiring labors of Brother and Sister Craig. For many years Brother Craig was Superintendent of the Northern California and Nevada District and a great many ministers in that District look upon Brother Craig as their spiritual father.

Brothers Gortner, Keys and Thurmond are returning to San Francisco with Sister Craig to take part in the funeral service

which will be held on Saturday next at Glad Tidings Church.

The General Secretary was instructed to send a night letter of sympathy from all the Presbyters to be read at the funeral of Brother Craig. A collection was taken to provide a special wreath to be placed on the casket as a token of appreciation of Brother Craig's long and sacrificial service in the work of the Lord.

IN APPRECIATION

The following letters bespeak the love and esteem in which Brother Craig was held by those who knew of his life and work:

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Market & Octavia Sts.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Sept. 5, 1941

Mr. H. C. Warwick
Glad Tidings Temple

San Francisco 1 Thess. 4:13-18
Dear Brother Warwick:

The First Baptist Church of San Francisco, at a regular stated meeting of the church, after thanking God for the life and ministry of our Brother Robert J. Craig, and asking God to sustain and comfort those who were near and dear to him in his work, unanimously voted that the clerk of the Church be instructed to convey to you our love and sympathy in this your hour of poignant grief.

We praise and thank God for your beloved Pastor and the work to which he gave his life, his all. We cannot find it in our hearts to mourn his going as far as he himself is concerned, because he did not have far to go. Surely he walked and talked with God and his Heavenly Father just bade him come home and rest.

But we do mourn his going because of what it means to those who labored with him, to his church, his school, his people, his community, and God's people everywhere. We believe that few Christians today had the far-reaching influence of our late esteemed brother. He was loved for himself, for his work, for his faith and for his knowledge of the Word and his desire to have it proclaimed to the far corners of the earth.

As God has so richly blessed his efforts, so in His mercy He will raise up those who will carry on, and with Brother Craig where he can talk freely to God without interruption, God will grant to him the

desires of his heart for the work and the beloved fellow workers he left behind.

While he walked the earth, those who knew him well have seen his faith move the arm of God again and again as he prayed for those who came to him in despair, and we believe he will still prevail with Jesus.

We are asking you, Brother Warwick, to convey to Sister Craig our sincere love and sympathy and please assure her that we are much in prayer that the peace that passeth all understanding will be hers in these trying hours.

May God bless and sustain you all and grant that together we may go forward emboldened by his example until we meet him and rejoice around the Throne in

"that land where congregations ne'er
break up and Sabbaths never end."

Yours until He comes,

LEWIS J. JULIANEL, *Pastor.*

BETH ROBERTSON, *Church Clerk.*

Sept. 10, 1941

Mrs. Robert J. Craig
San Francisco, California
Dear Mrs. Craig:

At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors on Monday, September 8, 1941, the following resolution presented by Supervisor Schmidt was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, The Master whom he has served so faithfully has gathered to His bosom Reverend Robert J. Craig, pastor of Glad Tidings Temple and President of the Glad Tidings Bible Institute; and

WHEREAS, A resident of San Francisco for forty-nine years, Reverend Craig was the founder, in 1912, of Glad Tidings Temple, where his selfless devotion to his God and his wise, learned guidance of his flock merited the reverence and love of the legion with whom he came in contact; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Board of Supervisors notes with keen regret the passing of Reverend Craig, and, joining with his many mourning friends, expresses its deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolence to his bereaved widow, to whom the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a suitable copy of this resolution; and, be it

Further Resolved, That when the Board adjourns this day, it does so out of respect to the memory of the late Reverend Robert J. Craig. Very truly yours,

DAVID A. BARRY, *Clerk,*

Board of Supervisors.

A MAN FROM GOD

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"One family we dwell in Him,
One Church above, beneath,
Though now divided by the stream,
The narrow stream of death;
One army of the living God,
To His command we bow;
Part of the host have crossed the flood,
And part are crossing now."

When I was a student at Garret Biblical Institute I often heard Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis preach. He was a marvelous preacher, a rare genius. A few years later his books began to appear, and I bought them and devoured them. He had left Evanston, and after a brilliant pastorate in Chicago had become the pastor of Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, the church made famous by the ministry of Henry Ward Beecher. Dr. Hillis died quite a while ago, and we do not hear much about him now. But I have never forgotten his matchless eloquence, his overwhelming avalanches of divine truth and his charming voice. Not long ago I ran across one of his books at a book stall, and I bought it for a friend; and on the fly leaf I wrote these lines,

"I often heard this preacher preach
When I was just a lad,
And sometimes said, 'Would I could reach
His place; 'twould make me glad!'
But now he's dead, and I'm alive!—
Lord, help me to fulfill
My mission here, and ever strive
To do my Master's will!"

That is what each of us should strive to do. God is not calling you to fill some other man's place, or do some other man's work. Find the place God would have you fill, and fill it; find the work God would have you do, and do it. And when the time shall come for you to go you can leave behind you such a testimony as our brother has left behind him.

Paul said, "The time of my departure is at hand," or, as it is rendered in the margin of the Newberry Bible, "hath arrived." And the word rendered "departure" is *analuseos* which means, literally, up-loosing. Paul was up-loosed, and he went up to be with our Lord. And our brother, too, has been up-loosed. And the hour of your *analuseos*, or, up-loosing, and mine will come some day. Until then let us, by the grace of God, be faithful.

GLAD TIDINGS BIBLE INSTITUTE

MRS. R. J. CRAIG, Founder

T. J. JONES, Dean

1441 Ellis Street, San Francisco

NEW SEMESTER

Glad Tidings Bible Institute opened September 23 with a splendid enrollment and prospects of the largest student body in several years. Late students may enter until Tuesday October 14 but students who cannot enter by this date are advised to register for the Spring semester.

ALUMNI ECHOES

Esther Crews '31 writes from Matagalpa, Nicaragua: "The middle of June, in company with some native workers, I went to the capital to meet Brother and Sister Hodges who returned to us after a year's absence from the field. It was a joyous time as we greeted them again and gave thanks to God for sending them back to needy Nicaragua. The church here has been awakened and quickened by the Holy Spirit as we have gathered together for special prayer every morning for three weeks. One sister was filled with the Spirit and others have been led to make confessions and restitution."

Mary Jane Lewis '35 is doing missionary work in the Kentucky Mountain District in a community known as Simpson.

Helen Funk '33 and Iva Lee Nicholson '33 are holding revival meetings in Kentucky and are at the present time with the District Superintendent in Louisville supplying the pulpit during his absence.

E. M. Suede '36 writes from Hailo, P. I.: "At this time of the year and up until December it is very hard to spread the gospel even by house to house visitation as it sometimes rains here for a month continuously and the river always overflows its banks. Although we are but a few members in our church, the attendance has more than doubled."

Brother and Sister Landas '37 tell us that they drive 38 miles each Sunday to help in a Sunday School near San Diego.

Brother E. C. Lagmay '35 has just finished a four weeks' meeting in the Assembly of God Church at Chester, Oklahoma, with good results and interest. "Six souls were saved, seven more received the Lord

right in their seats, three backsliders came to the Lord, nine were healed of different diseases. For this I praise the Lord," he writes.

Brother and Sister E. W. Knuntson '37 have been pastoring the church at Powers Lake, North Dakota, and are now visiting in San Francisco. They tell us that the "Tidings Trio," graduates of '41 and Evangelists George and Ocey Brown '40 and '39, have held successful campaigns at Powers recently.

George Wagner '35 announces the arrival of Shirley Lillian, born September 10 at San Francisco.

Sisters Emmy Pearson and Leah Brown '30 have been associated with the Sunday School work at Glad Tidings Temple for the past two and one-half years. They have helped establish afternoon Bible classes for children in many homes throughout the city. This work has been blessed of the Lord and a noticeable increase in the Glad Tidings Sunday School has been the result. Sisters Pearson and Brown also carry on an extensive visitation program for the Sunday School which is of great assistance in keeping up the attendance. Aside from the good work done by our sisters in the Sunday School, they also conduct Junior Church on Sunday evenings, and during the summer take charge of the Daily Vacation Bible

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Brother Craig was a member of our Ministerial Benevolent Fund from its inception, and the \$250 has been paid to Sister Craig. A great deal extra expense was incurred through his death in the East so it helped materially to meet the need.

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Superintendent Leland R. Keys has been appointed by Sister Craig and Brother Brown as the new member of Glad Tidings Corporation to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Brother Craig. Brother J. Narver Gortner and Sister La Vera Stevens have also been appointed making five on the board of directors.

The VOICE of the District Superintendent

"Workers together with Him"

Comrades of the Way:

This month we shall discuss some of the characteristics of *The Ideal Pastor*.



Leland R. Keys

Next month, God willing, we shall look at the other side of the picture and in all fairness we shall look at some of the features of *The Ideal Layman*. Each of these is but one-half of the whole; each is the counterpart of the other.

Some years ago a paper in Texas published the following concerning preachers: "The preacher has a great time. If his hair is gray, he is too old. If he is a young man, he hasn't had experience. If he has ten children, he has too many; if he has none, he isn't setting a good example. If his wife sings in the choir, she is presuming; if she doesn't, she isn't interested in her husband's work. If the preacher reads from notes he is a bore; if he speaks extemporaneously, he isn't deep enough. If he stays at home in his study, he doesn't mix with the people; if he is seen around the streets, he ought to be at home getting up a good sermon. If he calls on some poor family, he is playing to the grandstand; if he calls at the home of the wealthy, he is an aristocrat. Whatever he does, someone could have told him how to do it better." (Reprinted in *The Churchman*.)

But seriously, what are some of the ideals which are desirable in a minister? What has a church a right to expect of its pastor? It would be easier to answer these questions in regard to almost any other calling in life such as law, medicine, education, or engineering, than it is to answer them concerning the ministry. The reason is not hard to find; the gospel ministry is at once the highest possible calling among the sons of men and also the most difficult to adequately fulfill. It demands all the powers of mind and body and heart and a full and constant consecration of all nat-

ural and spiritual enablements, endowments and talents to the fullest, the highest, and the best prosecution of the God-given call to be a minister.

Many things are often expected of a minister, which, strictly speaking do not have a direct bearing upon the calling of a preacher of the Word. For instance, he is sometimes expected to be a first-class business administrator, an organizer, an expert at money raising, an executive and a good mixer; it is frequently expected that he shall be the church janitor, the chauffeur for the Sunday School and the general errand boy for the assembly, all the while maintaining a fervent prayer life, studying the Word of God deeply, reading widely and preaching sermons that would put Jowett, Moody, Spurgeon, Finney and Henry Ward Beecher in the shade.

It is possible for a man to spread himself over such a large territory of activities that he is "thin" everywhere. There just isn't enough man to go around. It is recognized that there are times and circumstances when a minister finds it necessary to do some of the things that have been mentioned but these should be secondary and incidental to the work of the ministry. The primary work of a minister is summed up in the words of the apostles when they called the multitude of the disciples together and said, "It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. . . . We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." (Acts 6:2, 4.)

The first and foremost requisite of God's minister is that he be a truly spiritual man. The temptation of the minister is not so much that he shall become worldly minded as that he shall become secularly and materialistically minded; that he shall lose sight of the beatific vision of the glory of God and the work of God; that he shall miss God's best for his life and ministry. There is no substitute for spirituality in the life of a minister. Eloquence and fluency cannot take its place; education cannot replace it; natural ability is no fit substitute, nor is organizing and executive abil-

ity. He must be a God-called, Spirit-filled, truly anointed man of God.

It is essential that God's minister shall be a faithful, uncompromising preacher of the Word of God. One writer has pointed out the fact that the gospel minister is the successor of the Hebrew prophet rather than of the Greek orator.

He is a man who, in obedience to the exhortation of the apostle, gives "attendance to reading." It has been said that a minister ought to know something about everything and everything about something. It is doubtful if this is altogether possible of attainment but at least it is desirable that he be a widely read man. The wider his range of observation and the more complete his fund of information, the more fertile will be his soil in yielding illustrative thought in the preparation of his sermons. But whatever else he may read, he ought to be in a certain sense a man of one book and that book is, of course, the Bible. This is the book of which he ought to know everything he possibly can. In the life of the minister the Bible ought to be used for more than just a source book for sermonic material; it ought to be used first of all as the source book of devotional material for the nourishment of his own soul.

In the course of one's ministry the temptation often presents itself to depart from the ministry of the Word and be turned to other themes, secular themes and sensational subjects but the apostle cautioned,—"PREACH THE WORD." It is only the Word of God, the "word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

The ideal minister is a man of prayer. Through prayer his own soul is blessed, his life empowered and his ministry anointed. It is most frequently in the place of prayer that he receives the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is there that he receives the illumination of the Spirit. Luther said, "To have prayed well is to have studied well." The praying minister creates a spiritual atmosphere. To have a

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News FROM HERE AND THERE

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter :: 2622 W Street :: Sacramento, California

ALAMO—Brother W. A. Frazier has resigned as pastor to accept a call to Tranquillity. The Sunday School has been averaging around 80 in attendance.

ALTURAS—Evangelist Dwight Brown closed a campaign Aug. 31.

ATWATER—Evangelist Dillard S. Osborne of Oklahoma concluded a two weeks' meeting for Pastor George R. Wood the first part of September.

AUBURN—The South Sacramento Valley fellowship meeting was held Sept. 6 with Pastor M. H. Luce, Brother A. A. Lowe of Roseville was the morning speaker, Brother Emil Lassegues of Placerville spoke in the afternoon, and Brother W. T. Gaston brought the evening message. There were several at the altar for salvation.

BENICIA—The North Bay District fellowship meeting was held September 22. Following the afternoon meeting a water baptismal service was held. A W.M.C. round-table was held at 6:30. The Benicia Assembly was just recently received into Council fellowship.

BOONVILLE—The Lake and Mendocino Counties fellowship meeting was held with Pastor Glen Akers on September 1 at which time approximately 100 people gathered together for a time of spiritual refreshing. Pastor E. Paul Johnson of Fort Bragg was the afternoon speaker and Pastor Robert Ray of St. Helena brought the evening message. Two young girls from Lower Lake were saved and several were healed by the Lord.

Brother Akers reports good progress being made on the new Boonville church. The roof has been completed and four of the eight windows will be purchased soon. Some electrical fixtures have been donated. The largest item at present is the problem of flooring, but it is hoped that all will be in readiness in time for services to be held in the building before the winter rains come.

DELHI—Special dedicatory services of Bethel Temple were held September 27, 28 and 29. Saturday evening the service was in charge of the Christian Business Men's Committee. District Superintendent Leland R. Keys brought the message at the dedication Sunday afternoon. A pre-convention C.A. rally was held Monday with C.A. Vice President Oliver Foth as the afternoon speaker and Harold Lehmann, C.A. President, was the evening speaker.

DUNSMUIR—Evangelist Esther Mae Cooper concluded a five weeks' campaign on Sept. 14. The Shasta District fellowship meeting was held Aug. 19. Pastor R. T. Doherty of Redding was the afternoon speaker and Evangelist Esther Mae Cooper brought the evening message.

SCHEDULE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Oct. 6—Sunnyvale, Fallon, Nev.,
Fort Bragg, Salida.
13—Lincoln, Redwood City.
20—Calistoga, Los Banos.
21—Tulelake (dedication).
27—Pacific Grove, Paradise.

ELY, NEV.—Brother George W. Kiser writes: "Last Thursday we baptized three in water. Had a wonderful service. The Lord has been blessing the few that have been coming. We are praying for a building that we are so much in need of."

FERNDALE—Brother Lowell E. Dowdy writes that a baptismal service was held at the river on August 23 with the Fortuna and Rohnerville assemblies co-operating. Seven were baptized. A Daily Vacation Bible School was held one week with an average attendance of 21 children.

GRASS VALLEY—Brother George A. Fletcher has been elected unanimously as pastor. He reports that there is a good spirit in the services which are well attended. The Sunday School has been averaging around 79.

GRIDLEY—Evangelist Robert Perryman held a campaign for Pastor W. T. Scott the last two weeks in September.

HAPPY CAMP—Brother Douglas H. Cooksey reports that there have been several hands raised for prayer. He writes: "I had to buy a tire for my car as it seems these roads are very hard on tires and I do quite a lot of driving on Sundays bringing people to church, some Sundays over 60 miles. But God is good and has met our every need."

HALF MOON BAY—Pastor Otto Schmidt reports: "We are rejoicing because already the town is being stirred because of God's presence. Several have testified to healing in answer to prayer. A baptismal service was held September 14."

KLAMATH—Evangelist C. F. Rowe held a three weeks' campaign during August for Brother N. R. Ingram. Four came to the altar for salvation and there were several healings.

Brother Ingram reports that a glorious Redwood District fellowship meeting was held there recently, the first that was ever held in Klamath. The blessings of the Lord came down in showers of refreshing glory. Sister Stuart from Weitchepac brought the afternoon message and Pastor Walter H. Smith of Richmond was the evening speaker.

LIVE OAK—The North Sacramento District fellowship meeting was held Aug 25. Pas-

tor J. E. Warren Hull of Oroville was the afternoon speaker and Brother E. C. Goutier brought the evening message.

LOWER LAKE—Brother John A. Westfall reports that three have been saved recently. He requests prayer for their Indian services. He mentions that God marvelously raised up an Indian girl and that another sister who had been unable to walk, was touched by the Lord.

LAKEPORT—Evangelists Thomas Jackson and Edwin J. Holmes held a very successful campaign recently for Pastor L. F. Wilson.

MODESTO—Evangelist Irl J. Walker closed a three weeks' campaign at Bethel Temple Sept. 21. The North San Joaquin District C. A. rally was held Sept. 8 with Brother Walker as the speaker. Donald G. Weston, pastor.

MONTAGUE—Evangelist E. C. Goutier from Texas has been conducting special meetings.

MT. SHASTA—Brother Jack Opie has accepted the pastorate here.

NEVADA CITY—The Nevada City Assembly recently purchased a church located on the highway near Glenbrook. The dedication will take place Oct. 27 with District Superintendent Leland R. Keys as the speaker. This will be in the form of a combined dedication service and C. A. rally. Evangelists Thomas Jackson and Edwin J. Holmes have been holding a special three weeks' campaign. Several have been saved and many have been seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

OAKDALE—The church just completed negotiations for a loan to re-roof the building. The shingles have been bought and paid for, and the next problem is to find someone to do the work, is the word from Sisters Marjorie Maddocks and Betty Everton, pastors.

OAKLAND (Bethel) — Evangelist Paul Pipkin conducted a Youth's Bible Conference recently for Pastor R. H. Moon. The meetings majored on reaching the young people of that vicinity.

OROVILLE—Pastor Warren Hull writes: "We are refinishing and repainting the inside of the church. We raised about \$50 Sunday evening for this purpose."

PALARMO—Brother Warren Hull reports that the three weeks' tent meeting was blessed of the Lord. Five came forward for salvation and many professed interest in the way of salvation.

PARADISE—Sister Ella M. Beare writes: "I am glad to say that we are making some improvements in our church building. We can now seat 60 besides the few seats on the platform. Our Sunday School has grown to 41 now with a promise of more. The church services are well attended."

PETALUMA—Brother P. C. Tacker supplied the pastorate for Brother T. B. Don Carlos during the month of September. Brother Don Carlos attended General Council and then visited friends in the East.

PITTSBURG—The Sunday School has been averaging around 65, is the report of Pastor Albert F. Gomes. The C.A. services on Friday evenings are increasing in interest and spirituality. The annual young people's picnic held at Marsh Creek was a time of rich blessing and fellowship.

RENO, NEV.—Brothers Joe Krimmer and Dick Fulmer, C.B.I. students, concluded a two weeks' meeting with Pastor S. H. Robertson on Aug. 31.

SALYER—Brother and Sister Wesley Bliss have resigned as pastors and are now helping out at Blue Lake. Orie Jones and Frank Dagle held a two weeks' revival at Salyer with good results, and Brother Dagle is at present filling in as pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO (Bethel)—The new building occupied by the Bethel Full Gospel Church was dedicated Sunday, Sept. 21. Brother Jens Petersen from Oslo, Norway, brought the morning and evening messages, and District Superintendent Leland R. Keys preached the dedicatory sermon at the afternoon service. The church is located at 856 Capp St. between 23rd and 24th Sts. near Mission. Brother Eric M. Johnson is the pastor.

STANDARD—Pastor Harold Rhodes writes: "Sunday morning we had 34 in Sunday School. The first Sunday I was here there were 19. There is a good interest shown by the people."

STIRLING CITY—Pastor Albert Rowley writes: "We had a ten day revival with Brother Paul Pipkin and the Lord blessed in a special way. Our young people were especially touched and the saints were built up in the Lord. Several accepted the Lord as their Saviour. The Sunday School reached 79."

SUSANVILLE—Brother and Sister W. A. McBride write: "God gave us a gracious fellowship meeting September 1. A record attendance of between 300 and 350 were present. The services were held in the Methodist church, the pastor co-operating splendidly with us. Brother Walter Larson and Brother H. M. Richardson of Fall River Mills brought the afternoon messages. A healing service followed. Brother Dwight Brown who has been holding us a very successful revival campaign, preached the evening message. Souls were stirred and the altar was filled with people seeking the Lord."

TRANQUILITY—The South San Joaquin District fellowship meeting was held Aug. 31 with Pastor Harry Oeth. Pastor T. E. Woods of Madera was the afternoon speaker, and Brother W. A. Frazier of Alamo brought the evening message.

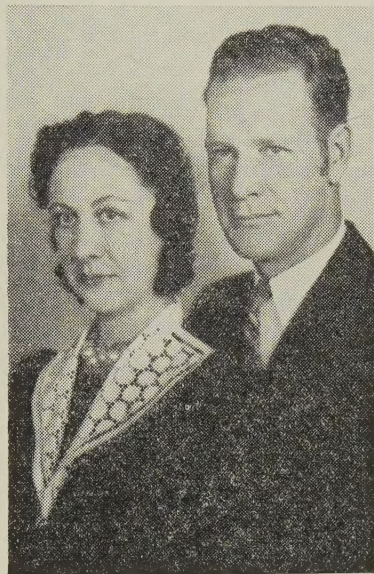
Brother Harry Oeth has resigned as pastor and Brother W. A. Frazier has been called. Brother J. C. Medley closed a campaign in August. Several accepted Christ and two re-

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Introducing . . .

Our Manteca Church

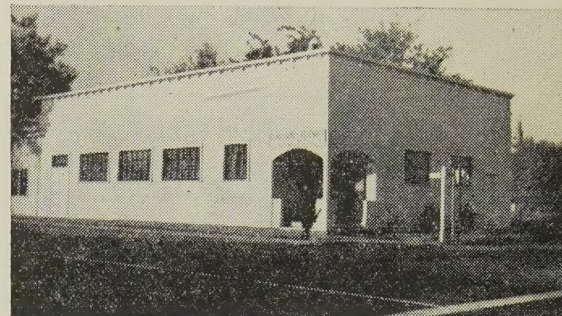
In the fall of 1923 a small group of Christians who had received the precious gift of the Holy Spirit were told in no uncertain tones by high church officials that "speaking in tongues was most certainly of the devil and that the baptism of the Spirit was something to stay away



Pastor and Mrs. C. O. Gunderson

from," rented a hall where prayer meetings and Sunday School services were conducted. Various ministers of the Pentecostal faith preached for them occasionally. This continued for several years, but not being properly organized they disbanded for about two years. They still felt, however, that God would have a lighthouse in Manteca and services were started again in a vacant store building.

Sister Helen Miller acted as first pastor, followed by Brother and Sister Ingstrom, Brothers C. B. Clark, Donald Persing, Lawrence Wright, Sisters Josephine Anthony and Florence Berger, Brother and Sister Fred Scott, Brother Peter Tacker Jr., and Brother and Sister Middleton. At this time the church was moved to a school house in the country, and on Dec. 13, 1931 Brother and Sister George Frey were chosen as pastors. During their ministry the present building on the corner of North and Main Streets was purchased and remodeled from a dance hall into a church with parsonage.



Glad Tidings Tabernacle
North and Main Sts., Manteca, Calif.

In 1932 District Superintendent M. T. Draper was called to dedicate and set the church in order and it became affiliated with the General Council. Brother and Sister Frey resigned in October, 1934, to be followed by Brother and Sister Louis Richards, Brother and Sister J. Taylor, Sister Gladness Persing (Wood), during whose ministry repairs were made and a large portion of the church indebtedness was paid.

The present pastors, Brother and Sister Carl O. Gunderson were elected in January, 1938, and the Lord has been blessing their ministry. All indebtedness against the church and the building has been cleared. Much needed repairs have been made; opera chairs installed; the Sunday School attendance has doubled, necessitating vacating the parsonage to allow for more room. Money is being raised now and plans are being made to provide additional quarters for the fast-growing School.

ALUMNI

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School.

Sister Charis Walker '39 is shining for the Lord in her little corner at Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco. Sister Walker and her husband have charge of the Intermediate C.A. group and are doing a splendid work with these young people. Sister Walker also teaches a class of young ladies in the Sunday School and conducts an afternoon Bible class in a home.

We hear that Nellie Lovett '38 recently became the bride of Mr. McCord of Roseville, Calif.

Alumni, send in your news to Wm. A. Weinman, 1441 Ellis Street, San Francisco.

DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

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BENEVOLENT FUND

Don't forget the seventh Ministerial Benevolent Fund call should be paid within thirty days. Two-thirds of the membership have responded already. Remember to get yours in by October 11.

RE-ELECTIONS

We are happy to hear of the General Council re-elections of Brother Ernest S. Williams as general superintendent, Fred Vogler, assistant general superintendent, and Brother J. Roswell Flower as general secretary.

Our District has again been honored by the re-election of Brother J. Narver Gortner as one of the non-resident executive presbyters. The others who do not reside at Springfield, are A. A. Wilson and Flem Van Meter.

MINUTE BOOKS

District minute books will be mailed in October.

WOMEN AT WORK

A special East Bay District W.M.C. meeting was held September 11 with 135 ladies present for luncheon and all day services. Sister Reuben A. Wilson, chairman, was in charge.

The morning service was of a devotional nature with Sister M. Hitchcock as the speaker. In the afternoon Sisters Grace Agar of China and Hedvig Hansen, formerly missionary to India, brought inspirational messages.

A business meeting was held where plans were discussed for the preparation of Christmas boxes for the home missionaries. Over \$16 missionary offering was received and \$11 for sectional offering.

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNCIL TRIP

By R. J. THURMOND

Brother and Sister L. R. Keys and I left Oakland on August 27 via the Southern Pacific line to Portland then to Seattle and Minneapolis over the Great Northern route. It was a beautiful trip and the scenic grandeur through the Rockies and Glacier National Park made the trip well worth while.

We arrived in Minneapolis Sunday night, and after a good night's rest, Sister Keys took the train on to New York for a visit with her sister and Brother Keys and I were ready for the opening of the Superintendents' Institute to which the secretaries had been invited. We met a good number of the superintendents and secretaries upon arrival at the North Central Bible Institute, and the opening session was soon called to order with Brother Gale Lewis, superintendent of the Central District, presiding.

Brother Fred Vogler was the morning speaker and his subject was "Loyalty to the Fellowship" which covered the different phases of cooperation with the Evangel and Gospel Publishing House publications, Sunday School Literature, World Missions, etc. During the morning session, prayer was called for Brother R. J. Craig who had been taken to the Asberry Hospital with a heart attack the preceding day. After prayer it was reported that he had spent a restful night and was much improved. Considering this report, we waited until the close of the morning session before going to see him. About 1 p.m. Brother Keys, Brother Charles Weston, superintendent of the Oregon District, and I went to the hospital but were informed

Brother Craig could not be seen as he had just had another attack and the doctor had been called. However, we insisted on going to the floor he was on and met Sister Craig who took us immediately to his room and in a few minutes the Lord took the Spirit of His servant to Himself without a struggle.

It seemed hard to believe and Sister Craig was loathe to believe he was gone, but as the truth was realized, grief overwhelmed her. Brother Emil Balliet who had accompanied Brother and Sister Craig on their trip was called and soon arrived; Brother and Sister Vogler, Sister Flower, and a number of the brethren came expressing sympathy and love.

The afternoon was taken up making arrangements for the return trip to California and plans were made for a memorial service at Minneapolis at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday to be conducted by the General Superintendent, E. S. Williams and the General Council brethren.

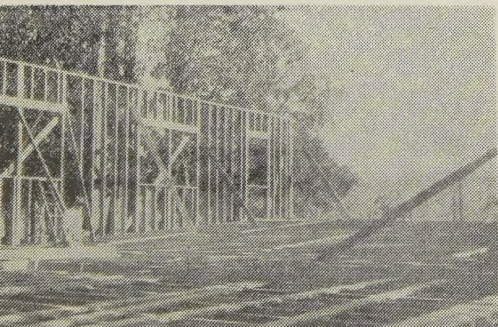
As we were not to leave until Tuesday evening, the General Superintendent honored Brother Keys and me with an invitation to sit in with the Executive Presbyters in their meeting Tuesday so that we might know what was to come before the General Presbyters.

Arrangements were made for a nurse to accompany Sister Craig on the train and as Brother Balliet would be driving Brother Craig's car back, I was happy to accompany him and assist in the driving and after a fast trip we arrived in San Francisco Friday evening. Brother J. N. Gortner and Brother Keys returned together on the Great Northern arriving in time for the service Saturday afternoon at Glad Tidings Temple.

Though we regretted missing the General Council, yet we felt that our place of duty was with Sister Craig and the members of Glad Tidings Temple and brethren of our District through their great loss and counted it a privilege to return and

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Progress on St. Helena Church.
Additional help is welcomed. We
are counting on you.



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SAVED BY GRACE

By OLIVER L. FOTH

The greatest wonder that fills a Christian's heart is that Christ ever saved him. It shall be so throughout eternity, I be-



Oliver L. Foth

lieve. I never cease to marvel at the fact that Jesus saved me. And everything else that has happened to me seems secondary and incidental to my salvation.

My father came to California from the Middlewest as

a young man, and after being here for a couple of years he took unto himself a very beautiful young lady as his bride. They established their home in a small San Joaquin valley town. A little more than a year later on one April Sunday afternoon, I announced in no uncertain tones that I had come to take up permanent residence with them.

My parents were exceptionally good parents and my home was a good one. However, as in so many other American homes there was something lacking—Christ was not there. There had been no Christian background in my father's family, and although my mother came from a Puritanical Congregational home, much of that influence was forgotten when she was married. Consequently church was something we attended on rare occasions such as Christmas and Easter.

I was about ten years old before my mother decided that my sister and I needed some kind of religious training, so it was to the large white South Methodist Church that she sent us. I attended for two or three years, and then because I felt that I was "too old" to go to Sunday School and that if "Mom and Dad didn't go, why should I have to?" that my Sunday School days ended. It was in this church, however, that a preacher first made an impres-

sion on me. Old Brother Howard was the pastor, and as I stayed for the morning service one Sunday I was particularly touched by his earnestness and the fervor of his message. Back and forth across the platform he went, pleading with his people to live for God, and my boyish heart was strangely stirred for the first time by something I had never felt before.

During my second year in high school I chanced into a full gospel meeting that was being held in an old theater building downtown. Several hundred people were attending the meetings, and I went at first more or less out of curiosity. My idle curiosity turned into deep concern, however, one Saturday when the evangelist preached on the text, "Two shall be in a bed . . . one shall be taken, the other left; two shall be in the field . . . one shall be taken, the other left." It was the first time that I had ever heard that Jesus was coming again, and deep conviction for sin gripped my heart. That conviction was something that did not seem to wear off during the daytime, and a night or two later when the evangelist preached a powerful message on the Cross, I felt I had to go to the altar or be crushed beneath my weight of sin. But the altar was as far as I got. I was evidently overlooked in the crowd that had come down to seek the

Lord and no one came to help me. Although my heart longed for God, I didn't know how to find Him; consequently I left the building unsaved.

A year and a half later the Harry O. Anderson Evangelistic party came to town to conduct a city-wide meeting. Before that meeting had ended I had been genuinely saved along with almost one-third of the four hundred members of our high school student body. I have never before nor since seen such a change in a school. It was not a "hand-shaking, card-signing" affair that so often characterizes denominational meetings, but in every sense of the word it was a true revival. If the pastors and churches of our town had felt their responsibility, I do not doubt but that there would have been lasting results of that revival. Practically all of the churches were worldly, and the worldliness from which we had been delivered, ensnared us again as we joined their ranks. Within three months I had backslidden and subsequently began doing things I had never done before.

Most young people have ambitions and every so often I would break out with a new rash of them. The one I took most seriously, however, was the desire to go to Annapolis and become a naval officer. At the beginning of my senior year in high school, I entered a competitive examination conducted by the congressmen of our district, and shortly afterwards I received a second alternate appointment to Annapolis. My competitors had been college and university students, and if I had patiently waited for a year or two I would have easily received the desired appointment. But I felt I had to attend the naval academy that year. Upon advice of a friend of mine who had helped me prepare for the competitive examination and who himself was a graduate of Annapolis and a former naval officer, I immediately enlisted in the navy. A number of appointments are made annually from the navy to the academy,

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JOINT C. A. CONVENTION

Fresno

Dates changed to: Nov. 20-23

Opening Rally, Thanksgiving Night
Bert Webb, pastor of Central Assembly, Springfield, Mo., and for the past two years Director of the National Youth Conference, will be the special speaker.

Plan now to attend this great Convention in Fresno!

SUNDAY SCHOOL News

MRS. BERNICE MAST, District Sunday School Representative
Morgan Hill, California

OUR CORNER

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS . . .

This little letter is coming to you from Minneapolis, Minn., this time. I have been attending our General Council convention here. I have had such a good time, and the Lord has been wonderful to me. I have been thinking of you boys and girls, though, back in school again, learning . . . learning.

Have you ever visited a big office in the city and noticed the large office desks and filing cabinets? Shelves, drawers, and pockets, etc., all labeled to hold special things? There is a place for answered letters; another for those unanswered; a special place for the receipts of the bills that are paid, and another for unpaid bills. A place for this and a place for that.

You know, our minds are like that, like big office desks with their pockets and drawers. Day by day we file away knowledge for future use. This is valuable. We are going to need the things that we are learning at school, so we must get as much good knowledge as we can and then guard it carefully.

Now, of course, if the business man filed away or kept everything that came to his office, he would soon have his desk and files filled with many unnecessary materials and there wouldn't be room enough for the things he counted valuable to his business. So you know what he has beside his desk? A waste basket, of course! And that is the thought I want you to get. Yes, we are going to need a waste basket, too. There are so many things that will try to find a place in our mind's desk that are nothing more than trash. Now, you know trash when you see it, don't you? All right, let's watch out for those things and use our spiritual waste baskets. God will help us separate the trash from the valuable things.

God bless your days of learning, and I'll be praying for you.

YOUR SISTER MAST.

dence and allegiance that way. Be sure then to use that confidence in you as a teacher to turn your class to Christ and loyalty to His standards.

TEACHERS AND WORKERS

It has been my privilege to attend the great General Council convention and to enjoy the preached Word and the fellowship that accompanies such a blessed gathering.

Among the messages on various phases of ministry and Christian living in this present day crisis, were interspersed messages on the importance of successful Sunday School and Children's work. This thrilled me because I realize that our Pentecostal movement is at last catching the vision of the value of what we might call "Beginning at the beginning," or "Helping the youth to remember *now* his Creator." "Beginning at the high chair instead of the electric chair."

The need for a value of visual aid has been realized to a much greater degree over two years ago. This was stressed especially in our teachers' and workers' sessions.

I talked to Brother Marcus Grable, our general Sunday School representative, concerning our coming Sunday School conference for Northern California, and he assured me that he was making special plans to that end. I would appreciate any of you writing me concerning the various phases of Sunday School work that you are especially interested in or are in need of help with, so we can plan our program to best advantage. Also if you have any new ideas that have proven a success in your school, by all means plan now to bring them with you. This will be *your* conference, remember! Watch for the announcement of time and place, and be sure to plan now to attend.

SISTER MAST.

YOUR PROBLEM

The problem that was to have been discussed this month under the heading, "Is This Your Problem?" will be postponed until the following issue so as to give others ample time to send in their answers and suggestions.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR TEACHERS

1. Your use of the Bible (instead of the quarterly) in class promotes an interest in and reverence for the Book of Books among your pupils.

2. If you have difficulty in getting your pupils to study their lesson, try assigning additional but interest-provoking homework on the lesson after it is taught. In other words, teach the lesson first, then give them homework on that lesson to help to fasten it in their hearts. This will also prevent a disinterest on the part of some because they know the lesson already.

3. If you are interested in visual aid for your Sunday School and yet lack the artistic ability, try using some of the young folks. Many of them are taking art courses in school. This will not only help you but will help them to be of definite service to God also. Try starting a Sunday School art club.

4. If you are a beginner or primary teacher and have been using the large picture rolls, for a change try pasting a piece of outing flannel over the back of the picture and text. Then cut it apart like a jigsaw puzzle. As you tell the story you put the picture together piece by piece on the flannel board. This holds the interest of the class much longer. Then for review let the children put the picture and text together on the flannel board and express themselves concerning the story.

5. Ever so often it is a good idea to teach your class the meaning as well as the value of the Lord's Supper, also water baptism, and the need of and reason for receiving the baptism with the Holy Spirit. A lack of real teaching along these lines results in disinterest and irreverence.

6. To win the child in your class you must know him: know him personally, know his outside interests, know his home and environment, know his parents.

7. Practice personal interest in the birthdays, etc., of your class. You gain confi-

STUDIES IN REVELATION

By J. NARVER GORTNER

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5. It is expressly stated that they have power to shut heaven in the days of their prophecy, and that they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. Who had power to shut heaven in the days of his prophecy? Elijah (1Kings 17: 1; Jas. 5:17). Who had power over waters to turn them to blood? Moses (Ex. 7:20). Here it appears we have evidence that the two witnesses will be Elijah and Moses, Elijah who was translated, and Moses who died but was raised from the dead (Jude 9).

6. They are destined to be slain and their dead bodies to be exposed to the public gaze for three days and a half in the streets of Jerusalem where for three years and a half they will have borne faithful and triumphant witness to the truth of God. It will be at the middle of the week that the Antichrist will succeed in slaying them. Up until this time he will have no power over them. At the middle of the week he will be assassinated, and will be raised from the dead by the power of Satan, becoming "the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit" (ver. 7). He will be indwelt by Satan, and will have power to overcome the witnesses. It will probably be at this time that the devil and the beast will be worshiped, and the people will say, "Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" (13: 4).

7. Their death and the public exposure of their unburied corpses will be followed by their resurrection and public ascension to heaven. There will be great rejoicing after the beast shall have triumphed over them; but the rejoicing will be of short duration. Possibly the dead bodies of the two witnesses, by means of television, will be made visible to all the earth-dwellers. Everywhere there will be merrymaking; the inhabitants of the earth will regard all the plagues wherewith they will have been plagued as emanating from these witnesses who "had power to turn waters into blood and to smite the earth with plagues as often as they would." Now that they are dead, the earth-dwellers believe they will no longer be plagued. But suddenly life will enter into the dead bodies of the witnesses that have been exposed to the public gaze, and they will rise up. Maybe, by

means of television, at the particular moment of their resurrection, millions of the earth-dwellers in all parts of the earth, will be looking on; they will witness the resurrection, and the ascension into heaven. Maybe, by means of the radio, they will hear in all parts of the world, the great voice from heaven saying unto them, "Come up hither." Mark the graphic words, "And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them."

III. The Great Earthquake

"And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven." This is not the earthquake that will mark the end of the week; this earthquake will occur at the middle of the week. It will constitute the conclusion of the second woe, as is evident from what we read in verse 14, "The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly." Here it appears we have quite conclusive proof that the witnessing of the two witnesses will occur during the first half of the week, the conclusion of large numbers of expositors to the contrary notwithstanding.

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VOICE

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praying people in the pews there must be a praying preacher in the pulpit. The preacher must set the example; to do less would be hypocritical.

God's preacher earnestly seeks to exemplify in his own life that which he preaches to others. He is a man who knows how to subordinate his own desires for the sake of the greater good of the people of God and the work of God. He is absolutely honest and straight-forward in all his business dealings. He pays his debts and refuses to contract debts which he is unable to pay. He disciplines himself to live within his income. He is a Christian gentleman who is at all times courteous and thoughtful of others. He is never too "big" or too "great" to beg the pardon or ask the forgiveness of those he has wronged either intentionally or unintentionally. He is a man who is tender in spirit; one who knows how to "break" before the Lord. This man of God possesses broad sympathies and an under-

standing heart; bigotry is unknown to him.

Humility of spirit is one of the chief characteristics of the ideal preacher. He knows how to be abased, and how to abound. Self-seeking is conspicuously absent from his nature. He is entirely consecrated and fully surrendered to all the will of God as he understands it. He pours out his life,—the best that he has of heart and soul of brain and brawn in the service of the King. He "loses" his life for Jesus' sake and thereby finds it.

God's preacher does not lose sight of the fact that the primary function of the church is the salvation of lost souls; nor does he forget that he is sent to proclaim a message of salvation and deliverance to the ends of the earth.

The wise preacher is friendly to all. He does not show partiality to individuals or to cliques within the church. He is the servant of *all* the people; not of a few. Nor does he lend himself to the creation or perpetuation of a party spirit. He is always engaged in urging his flock to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. He is not forgetful that "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stirreth up anger."

These, then, are a few of the characteristics of the ideal minister. No one man possesses them all but every man of God possesses some of them in a greater or less degree. Those which are not yet possessed remain in the realm of the ideal,—something to be sought after,—something to work toward,—something to pray for. The following was received through the mail recently:

"YOUR PASTOR: Have you ever considered him? He is your friend, ready to serve you in any way he can. Are you in trouble, blue, discouraged or sick? Let him know about it; if you cannot go to him he will gladly come to you. Faithfully, loyally, unselfishly, he carries on three hundred and sixty-five days every year. Often misunderstood, often criticized, often neglected, yet he never complains. He spends hours in preparing messages he trusts will prove helpful to you. He is the channel used by God to bring His message to you, backed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Friend of the children, companion to youth, adviser of the middle-aged, comfort of the old,—your pastor! Pray for him, love him, stand by him,—ALWAYS!"—LELAND R. KEYS.

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HERE AND THERE

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ceived the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School reached the record of 97 during the special meetings.

TRINIDAD—Evangelist C. F. Rowe held a two weeks' campaign for Pastor H. L. Marlenee recently who reports that it was a profitable revival in which the people were greatly edified. Brother Marlenee recommends Brother Rowe as an able evangelist.

UKIAH—Raymond P. Murray has been called to the pastorate.

WATERFORD—The North San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held September 1 with Pastor Raymond P. Murray. Harold Pearson was the afternoon speaker and Sister Roxie Alford of Turlock brought the evening message. Brother Murray has resigned as pastor to accept a call to the Ukiah Assembly.

YREKA—Brother G. R. Maloney has resigned as pastor and Sister Margaret E. Renfro has been supplying the pulpit.

PERSONAL MENTION

Evangelist Robert Perryman began a campaign Sept. 21 at Eugene, Oregon.

Brother and Sister Harold Gustafson, former pastors at Morgan Hill, have been supplying for several of the brethren during their absences. They supplied for four weeks at Calvary Temple, San Jose, while Brother and Sister R. R. Carmichael were away on a vacation. While Brother Eric Johnson was in Oregon, they supplied his pulpit at Bethel Temple, San Francisco, for three weeks. For three Sunday mornings they were in charge of the services at the First Pentecostal Church of Oakland while Brother Harold Lehmann was at General Council.

Hazel MacLeod supplied the pulpit of the Bakersfield Full Gospel Tabernacle for two weeks while Pastor Floyd L. Hawkins attended the General Council.

Daisy and John Kennedy send greetings to all the friends and brethren of the District from Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa. They arrived there about two months ago and report that the church is progressing nicely. The Sunday School has reached 181, the first Sunday the attendance only being 81. Children's meetings are at 6 o'clock in the morning and the attendance at these services has increased more than 100 per cent. Brother and Sister Kennedy are in need of a small car to enable them to cover more territory in their work for God. They had planned to sail for Liberia but received a cablegram from Brother Noel Perkin, missionary secretary at Springfield, to disembark at Freetown.

Ray Moyer, C. A. president at Napa, was recently married to Ruth Estelle Jenkins.

Sister Julia Peterson supplied for the Colusa church during the absence of Pastor L. A. Dodson who attended the General Council.

Brother and Sister Bernhard Johnson wish to notify their friends of a change in their address. It is now, Caixa Postal 19, Varginha, Minas, Brazil, South America.

Evangelist F. J. Betts began a campaign for Pastor M. H. Luce of Auburn Sept. 28.

Opal E. Leshner is laboring for the Lord in Versailles, Mo. She writes that souls have been saved and the blessing of the Lord has been in the meetings.

Sister Olive Nicodem has been working for the Lord in Salinas in the District Portable Tabernacle and writes that the first Sunday 22 were present at Sunday School and 30 attended the evening service. Strangers and the unsaved are coming to the meetings.

Mary Elenore McMillan and Lester B. Larson were married September 21 at the Northwest Bible Institute, Seattle.

Ted Ness, North Central District C. A. President, has announced his engagement to Erna Grieson of Wichita, Kansas. Miss Grieson is the daughter of Brother V. C. Grieson, district superintendent of Kansas. The wedding will take place early this fall.

Brother Eric M. Johnson has received an unanimous call to accept the pastorate of the Salem, Oregon, assembly, of which Brother Charles G. Weston has been pastor for the past twelve years and his farewell service will be Oct. 19.

Clarence Haystead has returned from the North Central District where he was engaged in evangelistic work with Ted Ness. He reports that God blessed their efforts in two campaigns which resulted in the establishment of new assemblies.

The many friends of Brother and Sister Floyd McWhinney, now pastors at National City, Calif., will regret to know their son was recently hit by a car and killed. We surely extend the sympathy and love of our District fellowship.

NEW ARRIVALS

Baby Miriam Alice came to cheer the home of Brother and Sister Thornton S. Gapen on August 28.

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Pastor and Mrs. George Wood of Atwater announce the arrival of George Oliver, born September 1.

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On July 26 Arlene Carol was born at Trujillo, Peru, daughter of Brother and Sister A. S. Erickson.

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Brother and Sister Reuben A. Wilson are the happy parents of a little daughter, Priscilla, born July 8.

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Pastor and Mrs. R. T. Doherty of Redding are the proud parents of a new boy born September 18, and named Noel James.

BILLBOARD THREAT

Tired of waiting for customers to pay up old bills, Clem Pizzutelli, a Monongahela,

Pa. grocer, threatened to post their names on an 8 x 13 foot billboard—then sat down to await results.

On the \$150 billboard, Pizzutelli had this notice painted:

"On this bulletin board thirty (30) days from today, will appear the names of all persons who are indebted to me for one year or more and who after repeated requests refused to pay."

He said: "I have tried repeatedly to collect, and have been told they were unable to pay, although they are able to build homes, drive cars and have other things that I should have if I had the money due me. I hope I don't have to put any names on the board, but I won't be put off any longer."

He got results. The first afternoon the billboard was up, five customers made payments. Yesterday he received 14 payments on accounts dating as far back as 1928.

He said: "I've got more money promised on pay day. They all asked me not to put their names on the board."

If all sins were written on highway billboards, more sinners would hasten to take advantage of God's offer of forgiveness. But whether or not the public knows our sins, God has them recorded in the books which will be opened at the judgment of the great white throne. (Rev. 20:11-15)

It will be too late at the judgment to be forgiven. Now is the time to act.—NOW.

GENERAL COUNCIL

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assist at the final service. Brother Craig had long been a member of our fellowship, having been the first District Superintendent and serving the district both as District and General Presbyter through past years. Many of us have labored with him through the years and his work and life have been an inspiration and blessing.

May the Lord comfort and sustain Sister Craig as she carries on alone, yet not alone, for He has promised "I will never leave nor forsake." Praise the Lord! Glad Tidings Temple and Bible Institute are faithfully and efficiently manned and we believe the Lord will make both the Temple and School a yet greater blessing in His kingdom work and raise up a pastor after His own will to carry on with the vision Brother Craig has had for the salvation of the lost and of training workers for a life of power and service in the Master's vineyard.

SAVED BY GRACE

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and he felt that the competition would be less keen and that I would have a better chance of getting in immediately. Of course I did not realize it then but I have realized it a hundred times since, that God very definitely had His hand in this move.

After my threatening to run away and join the navy unless he gave his consent, my father very reluctantly decided to let me go. My parents' advice at that time didn't mean much to me for I felt that there was very little that I didn't know. Needless to say, that when I returned from the navy sometime later I felt that it was peculiar how much my Dad and Mother had learned while I was gone.

Three months were spent at the Naval Training Station in San Diego and then I shipped aboard the airplane carrier, the U.S.S. Saratoga which is the navy's largest ship. The battle fleet almost immediately sailed for the Panama Canal and the East Coast. During the spring and summer months there were war games in the Caribbean, stops at the Panama Canal; Cuatro Reales, Cuba; Bridgetown, Barbados; and Norfolk, Virginia. But I began to get a very realistic picture of the life that would be mine as a naval officer. It began to lose its glamor and appeal. Naval society demanded most of an officer's income. I knew I would never be satisfied in such circumstances. I'm sure, as I said before, that God had His hand in my going into the navy. He wanted to puncture this balloon of ambition in order to give me something better.

After deciding not to try for an appointment to Annapolis, although I had been preparing, I felt that I would finish my cruise and then return to complete my high school and go to college. I would still be a young man with my life before me. But suddenly after only thirteen months in the navy, I had an opportunity to get a special order discharge and I took it. Here again God's hand was moving miraculously, for within eleven months after I was discharged the Lord laid His hand upon me, never to let me go throughout all eternity, I trust.

I finished high school after returning from the navy and took my entrance exams for college, but it was at the beginning of the depression and my plans didn't fully

materialize. I couldn't understand why, but a month later Evangelist Ray Soper began a revival meeting in our local Pentecostal church. He and I had gone to school together, and upon an invitation of a friend of mine, I went to hear him preach. I attended the services for several nights. The Holy Spirit began dealing with my heart; I began to realize that my big trouble was sin and that I could never be happy without that question being settled. Yet it was so much more difficult then to make a decision than it had been three years before, for sinful habits had fastened themselves tightly to my life.

But I will never cease to thank the Lord for Ray's faithful dealing with me. One night after sitting through the meeting and deciding that I would leave the church and never come back, Ray came to me. I think he must have seen that my soul was hanging in the balance. After a terrific battle in my heart, I decided that it was then or never. That old-fashioned altar bench became Calvary to me. I felt so sinful I couldn't even utter a word nor ask Jesus to forgive me. But my heart was broken and my eyes were a fountain of tears. I could never muster what seemed to me to be the audacity to ask the Lord to forgive me after I had sinned so against Him. But as I wept like a child before Him, the blood of Calvary's stream flowed freely over my sinful soul. I became a child of the King.

Two nights later, less than thirty minutes after I had for the first time asked Him to fill me with the Holy Spirit, He came down upon me in mighty power. I was frightened at first, but that did not stop the Spirit from coming into my life. Oh, what a glorious experience! But more than that, it was the beginning of a glorious life.

Strangely, the call to preach this blessed gospel came the afternoon before I was saved. But God does things so often in unorthodox ways. That call led me to the Southern California Bible School in Pasadena for preparation and then into the active ministry. These years of ministry have been filled with joy and sometimes a bit of heartache. But the joy so far exceeds the heartache that they are incomparable. I believe one of the greatest joys has been to see my father and mother both saved in recent years and to know that our whole family is on the "High way home."

It is grand to be alive in these days but only if you are living for Christ, for that is the only life that counts whether here or in eternity.

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FILIPINO NEWS

The Filipino Assemblies of God fellowship of which Evangelist E. C. Lagmay is superintendent, have put out their first issue of the "Filipino Fellowship News" which is edited by Juan M. Lucas of Watsonville and is published monthly in the interest of the Filipino fellowship and work.

The annual convention is planned for November to be held in Sacramento. Dates and place will be announced in the next issue of GLAD TIDINGS.

We praise the Lord for the vision and program of the Filipino brethren who have organized primarily with a view of fellowship among themselves with the purpose of helping their brethren in the Philippine Islands.

A report just comes from Superintendent Lagmay of several evangelistic campaigns in the Middle West with churches being packed out and God's blessing upon his ministry in the salvation of souls. We of GLAD TIDINGS say, May the Lord continue to bless the work among these brethren and make their "Fellowship News" a real help in their organization work.—R.J.T.

CRUSHED

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The poor, stricken song writer, who that day opened his hungry heart to me so frankly, found, through grace divine, that Christ was sufficient.

He was later spiritually victorious, lived a life of sobriety and service, and some years after died in the faith. His wife, to whom he had been restored, in writing of that home-going, said, "I held his hand as he crossed over. He knew me and kissed me, and I said, 'Everyone loves you, dear. Jesus loves you, and everything is all right.' He smiled, said, 'Yes,' and in a few minutes was with his Master. His passing was as sweet and quiet as a baby's falling asleep."

—REV. WILLIAM M. RUNYAN.

"Crushed by the Tempter"

When, some years ago, my evangelistic travels took me through the city of Chicago, I would at times stop at the Rodeheaver Publishing Company offices. On the occasion of one of these pauses I was offered the use of Charles H. Gabriel's studio, since he was not in the city, and there I was penciling a song.

"Are you a song writer? So'm I."

Engrossed in my work I had not noticed that a man, somewhat under the influence of liquor, had entered the room, until this question was asked.

"Yes, I occasionally write a song."

"What is your name?" asked the intruder, who had been attracted by the sound of music at the piano. I told him, and then inquired, "And what is yours?"

"Aw," with a grimace of displeasure, "I don't want to tell you."

The poor fellow though intoxicated was not too much so to be ashamed of himself, and he naturally hesitated to associate his name with his condition, for that name had a place in the music world.

But my curiosity was not so easily satisfied, and I suggested that he play for me one of his compositions. He drew up to the keyboard, and in a manner comporting with his condition managed to make his way through the cords of a much used gospel song.

"I have it!" I exclaimed, and spoke his name.

"I'm the fellow, and I guess I can't fool you."

We continued in conversation for some time. He became communicative, and gave me the story of some of his past experiences, of his interest in music and his love for song writing. He declared that even then some of the publishers were owing him for his compositions and were kindly keeping the price from him until he should quit liquor.

I asked him the cause of his falling away from the devotion to Christ that he had once known.

"My mother died," was his explanation, "and I was so broken up and so lonely that I weakened one day and took a bit of a drink, and it has led to this!"

Here was a sad sight indeed. This capable and talented man, not yet out of his thirties, could write the poem to which he would add beautiful music, creating a song that was in use in great tabernacle meetings, swaying multitudes of hearts; and yet he had been crushed by the tempter, a pitiful example of the power of sin.

I prayed with him. His heart was very tender and remorseful, and he was yearning for the old way of victory, and as he talked on and on of his regrets and lingering desires, he said:

"You know, there is one verse of a song that I believe is as true as anything that was ever written, and it is this,

"Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
Touched by a loving heart, awakened by kindness,
Chords that are broken will vibrate once more."

"A bunch of us poor drunks were in the back room of a saloon late one night," he continued, "and we had had our drinks and were just lounging and talking. One of the fellows at the table that night suddenly straightened up and asked a question—'Men, if you could do the thing tonight that you would rather do than anything else in the world, what would it be?'"

"Well, sir, that set us all thinking! We were sobering up, and that helped it along. After a bit one of the men answered the question.

"'Boys,' he said, 'there is one thing I would rather do than anything else in the world. Before I got like this I used to wear a rose in my buttonhole. How I do love roses! But I wouldn't think of touching one while I am this way! If I could do the thing I should like to do I would be clean and sober and dressed up, and, men, I would wear a rose right there!' tapping the lapel of his old, dirty coat."

The conversation went along; the men did some more sober thinking, and one after another indicated that

"Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore."

They were all under the spell of memories dear to their hearts. Another spoke

up after a season of silence.

"'Fellows, you think of me as an old bum without home or family. No sir, you're wrong. I have a wonderful wife and two children, a boy and a girl, sweet and fine. I can never let them see the kind of father they have, so I never go anywhere near them. They mustn't know. And if I could do the thing tonight that I would rather do than anything else in the world, I would be sober and clean and go home to my family. My sweet, patient wife would again be proud of me; my little girl would fling her arms around my neck and kiss her daddy, and my boy would look up to me."

... The poor fellow's face went down into his arms, and he tried to suppress the sobs that were threatening to master him.

"Say, friend," and my visitor was in dead earnest, "if all Christian workers could realize that the poor down-and-outers have a spark of good left in them and some tender and good impulse to appeal to, maybe they wouldn't give us up for hopeless cases like they do sometimes."

He reached for his wrapped-up bundle and left the room. He had painted a picture on my heart that I have never been able to efface.

In my night thoughts a little while ago—whether dreaming or not I do not know—I found myself standing beside a newly harvested field of wheat. The shocks were beautiful and orderly, and heavily loaded with grain. Somehow I saw along the roadside the large painted sign, "Fanny Crosby's Field." On the various bunches of sheaves, as though each sheaf were a stanza of a song, I saw different labels, "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour," "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross," "Blessed Assurance," and many others. But nearest at hand, where I could admire its ripeness, and the abundance of its golden kernels of grain, stood "Rescue the Perishing."

What shall the harvest be, when all the souls have been gathered in who through many years have been touched by that wonderful song of tenderness and sympathy?

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